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LET THERE BE NO LAGGARDS

To accomplish any great under-
taking there must be the closest
cooperation between the individ-
uals interested and the closest
coordination of all departments
and organizations to pan through
to a final success.

The great undertaking which
we now have on hand is to as-
sure and make for the progress
and growth of this town and com-
munity. This we cannot do un-
less the organizations of business
men get together and work in en-
tire harmony and coordinate their
efforts. Practically every live
town in Eastern North Carolina
is sending out boosting parties to
interest the sections surrounding
those town in their markets and
are showing those people that
they are vitally interested in them
and want to make friends of them.

There is no shadow of doubt
but what we have the men in this
town and community capable of
making it anything they choose,
and from an attractive standpoint
they have been and are doing
their duty, but the next thing to
do is to attract other people here
by some manner of means. The
necessary organizations are here
in the Chamber of Commerce and
Merchants Association, but what
now is needed is more unselfish
interest on the part of these in-
dividuals in the building of the
town and not an entire centering
of interest in individual business.
Of course a man must pay close
attention to personal business but
there is a larger duty due his
town and community. If we
build only for today and for sel-
fish interests we are leading a
narrow life, and every man knows
what he thinks of a man who will
never take part in any public
undertaking. Yet it is a fact
that it is almost impossible to get
a handful of men to meet togeth-
er to consider questions for the
future development of the town
unless the particular subject up
for discussion affects ones own
particular business. That ugly
word used to describe those who
did not do their duty during the
war might be used in time of peace
to describe many who are not
willing to do their duty towards
their community in aiding in
building it for the future. There
are not actually many men of this
stripe in this community; it is
only thoughtlessness on their
part that they do not get togeth-
er with the larger number to fur-
ther the interests of the town.

For once, let us determine to
prosecute our own businesses
vigorously, but at the same time
resolve to give some time and
thought to the development of
Scotland Neck and community as
a whole, and the results will be
that we will find a corresponding
development of our own particu-
lar businesses. Let's have co-
operation and coordination of the

business interests of the town and
let there be no laggards in the
movement.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The Municipal Quarterly Re-
view, discussing county govern-
ment in North Carolina says
the annual county balance sheets
required by law and given to the
public in the county papers year
by year are commonly unbusiness-
like and meaningless. Frequent-
ly the county financial exhibits
are not published at all. Why
so much indifference? The an-
swer is that the average man is
so busy with his own affairs that
he does not have the time or in-
clination to undertake to look af-
ter county affairs. It is here
that there is real advantage in
partisanship. But for it there
would be no scrutiny at all, or
certainly very little, of public
affairs. The trouble with parti-
san criticism, however, is that it
is often biased, exaggerated an
unfair.

The periodical quoted suggests
a change in county organization
by which a county would have
an officer to correspond to the of-
fice of mayor in a municipality.
As a rule, according to the inves-
tigators, municipal government
is more efficient than county
government. It might be that
modeling county organization
more nearly after municipal or-
ganization would help. Need for
serious consideration of the prob-
lem of making county govern-
ments function more satisfactori-
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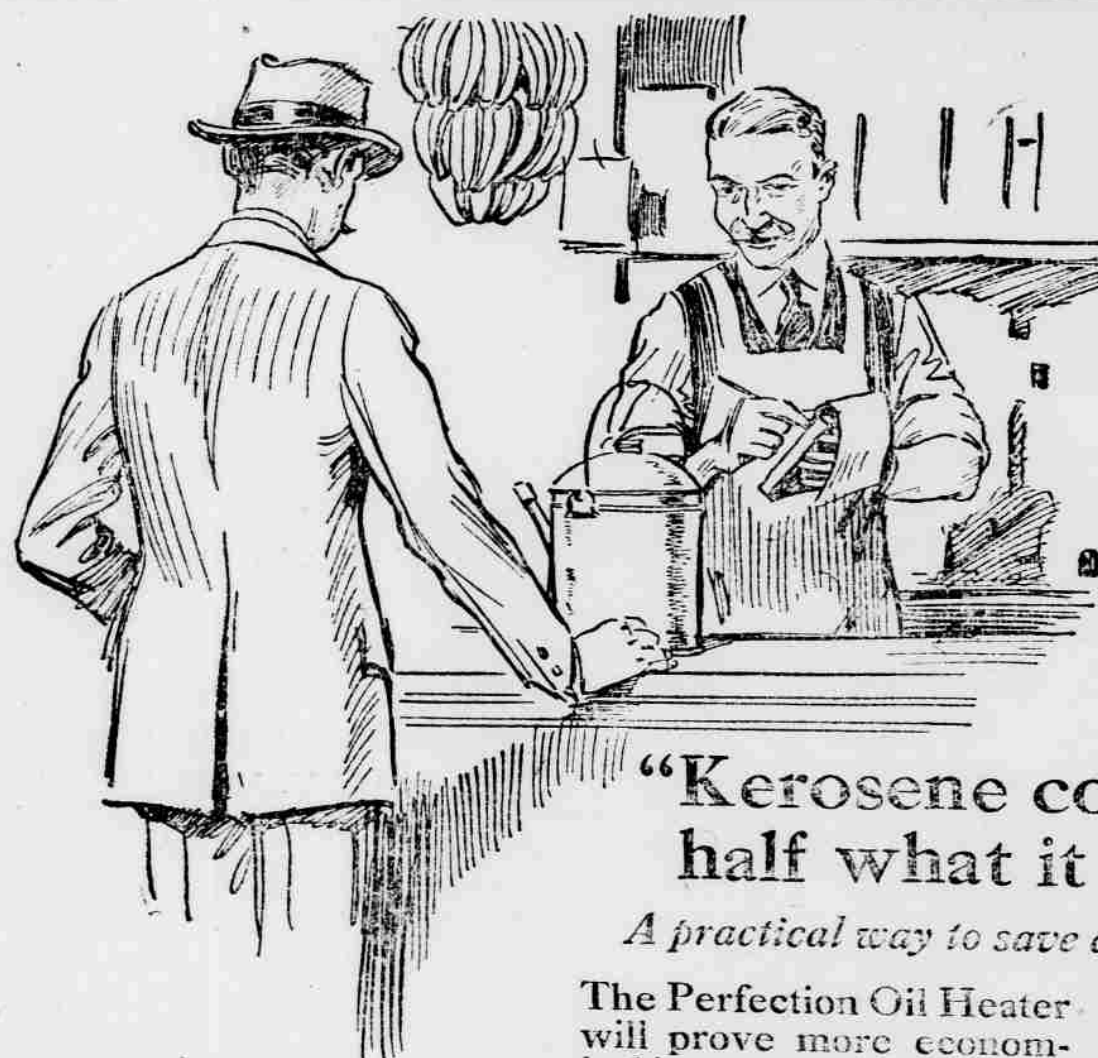
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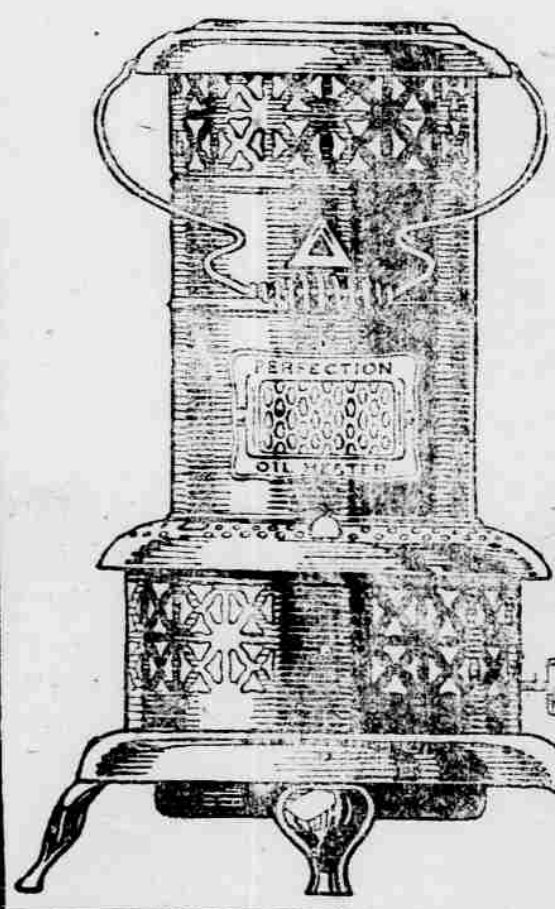
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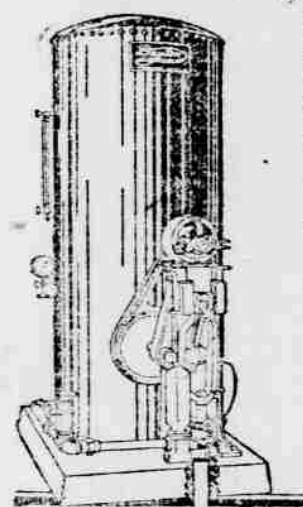
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